

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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### PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO PERMIT PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS TO CONDUCT CHARITABLE RAFFLES

H.J.R. No. 73

#### A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles.

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 47, Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(a) The Legislature shall pass laws prohibiting lotteries and gift enterprises in this State other than those authorized by Subsections (b), (d), (d-1), and (e) of this section.

(d-1) The legislature by general law may permit a professional sports team charitable foundation to conduct charitable raffles under the terms and conditions imposed by general law. The law may authorize the charitable foundation to pay with the raffle proceeds reasonable advertising, promotional, and administrative expenses. A law enacted under this subsection may apply only to an entity that is defined as a professional sports team charitable foundation on January 1, 2016, and may only allow charitable raffles to be conducted at games hosted at the home venue of the professional sports team associated with a professional sports team charitable foundation.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles."

Passed by the House on April 16, 2015: Yeas 137, Nays 9, 2 present, not voting;  
passed by the Senate on May 6, 2015: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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